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Subject: Villages at Vigneto Proposed Development

Dear Mr. Miller and Ms. Diebolt:

I am a wildlife biologist who has worked along the San Pedro River in several capacities. It is amazing to have this rich, green riparian swath of river. I've located patches of the endangered Huachuca water umbel, found yellow-billed cuckoos (a species listed as threatened), and the endangered SW willow flycatcher along this river. Several entities, including the Salt River Project, Bureau of Reclamation, and The Nature Conservancy have acquired land and retired water rights to maintain water in the San Pedro River.

I am extremely concerned to learn that there is a proposal to allow a plan for 27,760 homes, etc. southwest of Benson, AZ.

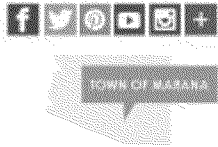
Ft. Huachuca and others have implemented strong water conservation measures, but this will be to no avail if the "Villages at Vigneto" are allowed to proceed. The groundwater pumped to support the housing and commercial development will deplete groundwater levels and most likely will eventually reduce water in the Santa Cruz River.

Please re-evaluate the 404 Permit for this project. It is not designed to be a desert-adapted development, instead it sounds like the developers are designing a project that will be lush and water-use intensive. The effects to the Huachuca water umbel, yellow-billed cuckoo, and SW willow flycatcher should be closely examined in coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely,

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